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## **FOR : Vertical Bagging Apparatus**

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**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 7, lines 1-22, rewrite the paragraph as follows:

Referring now to Figure 8, the sealing and severing system 116 includes an L-shaped heated bar 140 and a corresponding L-shaped sealing surface 142. The heated bar 140 is mounted on a first pivot arm 144 and the sealing surface 142 is mounted on a second pivot arm. Each pivot arm has a pair of spaced apart pivot points 144a, 144b, 146a, 146b. The pivot points 144a and 146a are coupled to each other by a rod 148a and

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